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*Report from Havana.*HAVANA, CUBA, *October 26, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report a decided increase of yellow fever in Havana during the past week.

Twenty-four cases and 8 deaths were officially reported. The cases came from various parts of the city, showing that infection is still widespread.

All the new cases were in civilians, and most of them newly arrived Spaniards, some of whom had been here a very short time—one man but eight days; two, ten days; one, thirteen days; another, fifteen days; and several but one or two months—again indicating that it is largely the Spanish immigration which feeds the fever flame of this city.

Of the 24 new cases, 4 were Americans, 1 a German, and 1 a Swiss; the remaining 18 were Spaniards.

Of particular interest is the case of Francisco Tejada Garcia, 31 years old, born in Saragossa, Spain. He arrived here on the steamship *Reina Maria Cristina* November 3, 1889. He lived in and about Havana all the time; engaged as a servant, cab and coach driver, and waiter. Between 1887 and 1893 he was stationed in Havana on garrison duty in Simanca's battalion No. 64. Garcia was taken sick Monday, November 9 with yellow fever and had a characteristic attack, from which he is now convalescent.

It will, therefore, be seen that this man lived in a yellow-fever infected district just one month short of ten years before taking the disease.

Several of the new cases this week came from the harbor.

The *Protector* disinfected 9 vessels, 2 of them passenger steamers.

The usual mortality table for the week is appended.

Respectfully,

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*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Mortality report of the city of Havana for the week ended October 21, 1899.*

Causes of death.	October—							Total.
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Tuberculosis.....	2	3	1	2	2	3	3	16
Yellow fever.....	0	1	3	1	1	0	2	8
Enteritis.....	3	1	2	0	1	3	3	13
Paludal.....	1	1	2	0	3	2	0	9
Pneumonia.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dysentery.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Typhoid.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Glanders.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
All causes.....	15	21	24	13	13	18	13	117
Total deaths.....	22	28	33	17	20	31	21	167

*Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, *October 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended October 21, 1899:

*Matanzas.*—Thirteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 16.95 per

thousand. This mortality is unprecedentedly low, and goes to show that the health and sanitary condition of the city is excellent. The principal causes of death were as follows: Enteritis, 2; tuberculosis, 4; heart disease, 1; malarial fever, 1; epithelial cancer, 2; other causes, 3. The following cases of an infectious character were reported: Diphtheria, 1; yellow fever, 1. Twenty-five vessels were inspected on arrival; 3 of these were foreign and 22 were coasting vessels. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 18 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels. One health certificate was issued to a person leaving the island. Two pieces of baggage were disinfected.

*Cardenas.*—Act. Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports 21 deaths in Cardenas during the week, all from general diseases. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Nine coasting vessels were inspected on arrival.

*Isabela de Sagua.*—Eleven deaths occurred in the municipal district of Sagua la Grande from October 13 to 19, 1899, all from general diseases. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Eleven coasting and 2 foreign vessels were inspected and passed. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 11 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

*Caibarien.*—Act. Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that during the week 3 deaths occurred and no cases of an infectious or contagious character were reported, and that the sanitary condition of the city and vicinity is excellent. Two foreign and 6 coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 6 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, November 1, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended October 28, 1899:

*Matanzas.*—Seventeen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 22.19 per thousand. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Enteritis, 3; malaria, 5; typhoid fever, 2; tuberculosis, 2; heart disease, 1; other causes, 4. The following cases of an infectious character were reported: Diphtheria, 2; typhoid fever, 1. Three foreign vessels were inspected on arrival. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Six health certificates issued to persons leaving the island. Thirty-eight pieces of baggage were disinfected, 2 by the request of the military authority.

*Cardenas.*—Act. Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports 9 deaths in Cardenas during the week, all from general diseases. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Eight vessels were inspected on arrival. Five of these were coasting vessels and 3 foreign vessels. Four bills of health issued.

*Isabela de Sagua.*—Act. Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that 7 deaths occurred in the municipal district of Sagua la Grande from October 20 to 27, 1899, all from general diseases. Six coasting vessels and 2 foreign vessels were inspected on arrival, 1 bill of health issued to foreign vessels, and 3 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

*Caibarien*.—Act. Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 3 deaths occurred in the municipal district of Caibarien during the week all from general diseases. No cases of an infectious or contagious character were reported. One foreign and 5 coasting vessels were inspected on arrival. One bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel and 5 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,

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*Reports from Nuevitas.*

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *October 23, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Saturday, October 21, 1899:

Nine vessels arrived and 9 bills of health were issued at this port during the week.

On October 16, U. S. transport *McPherson* left this port with a home battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry, consisting of 74 men under the command of 1 officer. These soldiers came from the United States camps near Principe and at Nuevitas, and no disinfection of their effects was done, since both localities are clean.

On Friday, October 20, schooner *Anita*, a small vessel of 30 gross tons, arrived from Matanzas and Sagua la Grande, 11 days from last port. While at Sagua the owner of the boat, a Spaniard, was taken ashore sick, and died of what was diagnosed "pernicious fever." Before permitting this vessel to discharge, or to hold any communication with the shore, her cabin and all bedding was disinfected for twenty-four hours with formaldehyd.

There has been no yellow fever reported at Puerto Principe since September 3, and save for the one case (my own) of September 16, at this port, not a case has been reported from the ports in this district.

The mortality report for the week is inclosed.

Respectfully, yours,

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The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Mortality report for the week ended October 21, 1899.*

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *October 21, 1899.*

Date.	Diseases.	Number.	Remarks.
Oct. 16	Cerebral congestion.....	1	
Oct. 19	Consumption.....	1	
Oct. 20	Nonviability.....	1	
	Total.....	3	

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*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*